

## Genesis 14:1-24

1And it came to pass in the days of **Amraphel** king of Shinar, **Arioch** king of Ellasar, **Chedorlaomer** king of Elam, and **Tidal** king of nations, 2that they made war with **Bera** king of Sodom, **Birsha** king of Gomorrah, **Shinab** king of Admah, **Shemeber** king of Zeboiim, and **the king of Bela** (that is, Zoar). 3All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). 4Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

1<sup>st</sup> Battle

5In the fourteenth year **Chedorlaomer and the kings** that were with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, 6and the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness. 7Then they turned back and came to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazezon Tamar.

2<sup>nd</sup> Battle

8And **the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela** (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim 9against **Chedorlaomer** king of Elam, **Tidal** king of nations, **Amraphel** king of Shinar, and **Arioch** king of Ellasar—**four kings against five**. 10Now the Valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains. 11Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12They also took **Lot**, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt **by the terebinth trees of Mamre** the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they were allies with Abram. 14Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his **three hundred and eighteen trained servants** who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Battle

17And **the king of Sodom** went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

18Then **Melchizedek** (מֶלְכִּי־צֶדֶק)

**king of Salem** (מֶלֶךְ שָׁלֵם) brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High (כֹּהֵן לַאֵל עֶלְיוֹן).

19And he blessed him and said:

“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High,  
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”

And he gave him a tithe of all.

21Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.”

22But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, 23that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’— 24except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”

## **Psalm 110:4**

4 The Lord has sworn  
And will not relent,  
**“You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek.”**

**Zechariah 6:13** (NIV) It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’

## **Hebrews 5:6-10**

6As He also says in another place:  
**“You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek”;**

7who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”

## **Hebrews 6:20**

20where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **Hebrews 7:1-28**

1For this Melchizedek, **king** of Salem, **priest** of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” 3without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made **like the Son of God**, remains a priest continually.

4Now consider **how great** this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. 5And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; 6but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. 8Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. 9Even Levi, who

receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

11Therefore, if perfection were through **the Levitical priesthood** (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise **according to the order of Melchizedek**, and not be called **according to the order of Aaron**? 12For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

14For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15And it is yet far more evident if, **in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest** 16who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17For He testifies:

**“You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek.”**

18For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

20And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath 21(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

**“The Lord has sworn  
And will not relent,  
‘You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek’ ”),**

22by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

23Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints **the Son who has been perfected** forever.